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Good morning,

Attached is a draft outline for the WQ Policy memo that I include in the workplan for the Puget Sound Nutrient Source Reduction Project. This memo will be important for us to lean on and provide answers for how we are implementing the DO criteria in Puget Sound, why we are using the anthropogenic allowance and not seeking to update the standards in rule at this time, and our decision criteria for implementing this project as a TMDL or TMDL alternative.

At our meeting on Wednesday with EPA we will talk about the draft outline and make sure the outline covers everything we think it should as well as talk about our overall approach for applying our standards and criteria. This memo will be part of the starter package for the Marine WQ/Nutrients Implementation Strategy (MWQ/Nutrients IS) that we will begin developing in 2018. The MWQ/Nutrients IS supports the Puget Sound Action Agenda and the MWQ Vital Sign. The MWQ/Nutrients IS is a framework (resulting in an implementation plan) that I am adapting to provide all of the information and evaluation of potential nutrient reduction allocations that we will implement either through a TMDL or TMDL alternative.

I'm proposing that the decision to implement as a TMDL or alternative be driven by the following goal:

- The nutrient reduction targets for point and nonpoint nutrient sources discharge to Puget Sound, either directly to marine waters or to watersheds draining to marine waters, and the suites of key actions to meet those targets, are implemented through the most appropriate regulatory mechanism that results in the fastest and most comprehensive pathway meet our Puget Sound water quality standards and recovery goals

Looking forward to the conversation,

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